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In the Application of:

Rudger Rubbert

Serial No.: 09/254,078

Filed: May 3, 1999

For: Method and Device for Carrying
Out Optical Pick Up

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner (Not known)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

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Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

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3. Cited References
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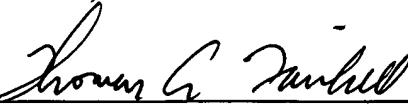
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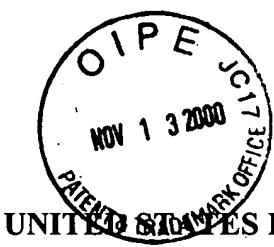

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c) (2) and 1.17 (p), please charge the fee of \$240.00 for consideration of this Statement to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 USC sections 102 or 103.

CITED REFERENCES

U.S. PATENTS:

1. Weise et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,424,836, issued June 13, 1995
2. Rekow, U.S. Patent No. 5,027,281, issued June 25, 1991

FOREIGN PATENT:

1. German Patent Application No. 42 18219, December 9, 1993

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE:

The content of U.S. Patent 5,424,836 is believed to be essentially identical to the content of German Patent Application 42 18219.

Respectfully Submitted,

McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff

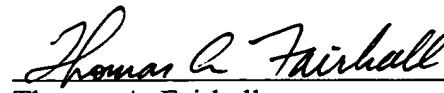
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
		5,424,836	06/13/95	Weise et al.			
		5,027,281	06/25/91	Rekow			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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